

WASHINGTON, SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1907.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE CHIEF CITIES OF EUROPE

KAISER SHOWS
GOOD JUDGMENT
AS ART CRITICRejects Picture Because
His Own Portrait Is
Too Conspicuous.

BERLIN, April 27.—The Kaiser has again been "coming out strong" as an art critic. His critical sense has been exercised on a large historical painting which he had commissioned from Prof. Skarbina, depicting the scene outside the royal palace, Berlin, when the result of the general election showed a great victory for the Kaiser's party, and thousands of citizens gathered to cheer his majesty.

His own figure, observed the Kaiser, had been given too much prominence, and he suggested that "a gray cloud with a helmet on top" would have been sufficient to indicate his figure at the palace window.

The Kaiser went on to say: "The whole thing appeared to me quite different. More people, far more people, must be seen in the picture; masses of people as far as the eye can reach, and all of them in agitated motion. The sight was so impressive that I had to rouse the Empress from her bed. She could not have missed it, so she came to the window in a fur and a shawl, which she had just thrown around her. 'The picture should be painted looking down from above, just as I had it before, my eyes, an undulating sea of faces, broken by waving arms and hats. Even the two equestrian statues at the gate bristled with men, and it was very odd how small their figures looked against these masses of bronze. As I said, more people—far more people.'"

Prof. Skarbina will have to paint an entirely new picture to please the Kaiser.

THINKING HORSE
THOUGHT READER

BERLIN, April 27.—A curious theory is put forward by Prof. Oscar Pfungst regarding the "thinking horse" Hans, which astonished the Berliners when it was exhibited some time ago.

Prof. Pfungst, who is an eminent psychologist, gives an explanation of Hans' calculating powers, which denies that the horse arrived at correct results by actual independent mental process, but gives the animal credit for unusual intelligence for an equine.

In the course of his experiments with Hans, the professor found that the horse got his answers from the questioner when thinking intently on the answer expected from the horse.

"In order to succeed," says Prof. Pfungst, "it did not merely suffice to imagine the desired number. It had to be done with a high degree of expectation tension. One had to, as it were, call inwardly at the horse, 'You must.'"

The effect made itself noticeable through feelings of tension in the skin on the head and the muscles of the neck. When the decisive number was reached the tension was suddenly relaxed. The horse then knew it had to stop counting.

The professor's explanation of Hans' powers credits him with at least as much talent as some human "thought readers."

SPANISH UNIFORM
FOR KING EDWARD

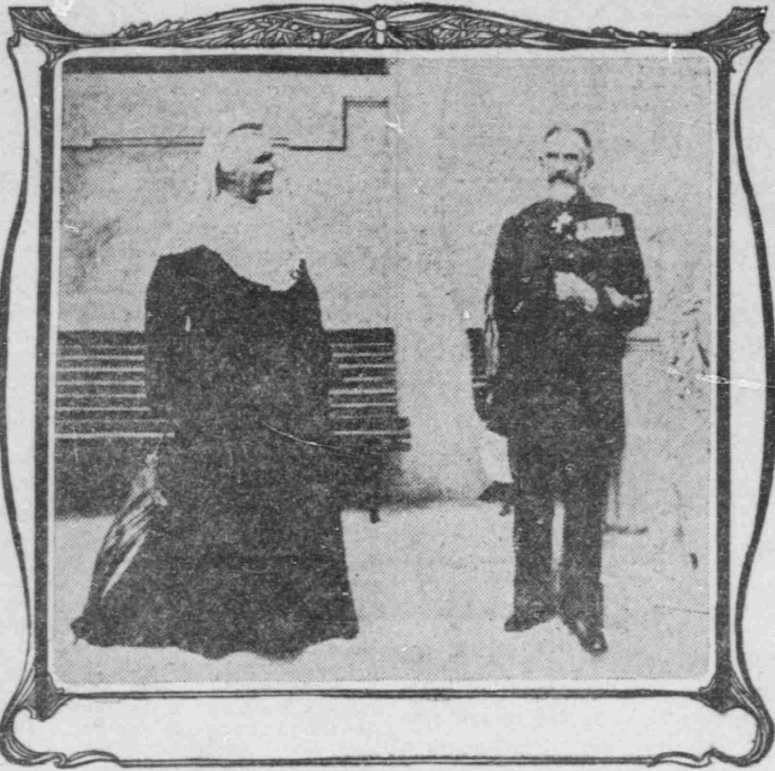
LONDON, April 27.—Just before the King left Biarritz his majesty received another uniform—that of a Spanish general—to add to his already burdensome collection. King Alfonso, like other monarchs, is compelled to pay these compliments to King Edward, but this exchange of uniforms is becoming a perfect nuisance to all the sovereigns of Europe.

King Edward's valet feels the nuisance more than any one else, for it is his duty to know how every button should go and just where the sash should be taken across the shoulder and how the straps should be buckled. On the average King Edward receives a new uniform every month. The head valet engages in a long correspondence with the tailor who is responsible for it and makes himself thoroughly acquainted with every detail of the dress.

The head valet is now dreading the arrival of Serbian and Rumanian uniforms, which may be expected as the result of the Balkan States exhibition, shortly to be opened here.

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Doumer and d'Estournelles
Not Prominent Statesmen,
De Castellane Contends

By The MARQUIS DE CASTELLANE.

PARIS, April 27.—Paul Doumer, former president of the chamber of deputies, and Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, French delegate to The Hague conference, who took advantage of their Easter vacations to make a trip to America, are delighted with their experiences there.

The manner in which they were received and the attention showered on them by President Roosevelt show that the Americans regard them as real statesmen capable of one day attaining to high power.

This belief, however, is very far from the truth, and those who feted and admired them should be warned against believing in future greatness for them, which neither will ever reach.

Paul Doumer is, in the vulgar phrase, "done for." Held in suspicion by men of his own political faith for having had the courage to point out to them what he considered faults they were committing against good sense and liberty, he has also not been able to resist the enemy of the Conservative party, and hence it is that he cannot any more aspire to hold high official position in councils of the state.

As to d'Estournelles de Constant, as he has never figured in prominent ranks in any political scene—as at the last Hague conference he was only the second fiddle to Leon Bourgeois—he cannot descend from any height. The French people hardly know him, and his Republican colleagues in the Chamber of Deputies look upon him as an incorrigible dreamer perpetually wrapped in the clouds of his own visions.

Christians Among Poor.
The great argument of the Radical Socialist party to justify its sudden rupture with the Vatican is that France has become utterly indifferent in religious matters, and that very soon it will cease to be Christian. At the Neckar

HANGED HERSELF
WITH OWN HAIR

ST. PETERSBURG, April 27.—The torture system still goes on in Russian prisons where the "politicals" are confined. Suspicion rests upon the jailers at the Fortress of Peter and Paul of having tortured a girl named Dorofeyeva, twenty-two years old, who hanged herself in her cell with her own hair. That she was tortured, like other women prisoners in this jail, is suggested by her secret burial.

Marie Spiridonova, the girl revolutionist who was sent to Siberia after being brutally maltreated by Cossack officers, is not at the end of her sufferings. She was lying dangerously ill in the Akatui prison, but was taken by soldiers one night to the convict mines at Matveysk, 120 miles away. The unhappy prisoners at Akatui are undergoing terrible sufferings.

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GERMANY AT WORK
IMPROVING NAVYKaiser Quietly Strengthening
Coast Defenses in Anticipation of War.

BERLIN, April 27.—Foreseeing evidently that a war with Great Britain must come sooner or later, the German government is doing everything to strengthen her coast defenses, and work on the naval vessels now under construction is being hurried as much as possible without arousing too much sensation.

A first-class torpedo station is being constructed at Emden, the German port nearest the English coast; and on top of this news, which was largely commented upon in the English press, comes the report that the rocky island of Heligoland, hitherto principally known as a bathing and health resort, is to be made into a sort of German Gibraltar.

The German government has purchased the whole island, which was already of immense ramifications, which will make it practically impregnable and afford a naval base of the highest importance.

There is every reason to believe that the English, who owned the island until 1890, are more than sorry they ever parted with it.

The government plans of fortifying Heligoland have been kept a deep secret and even at the present time the authorities are endeavoring to give it the appearance that the island has been bought by Carl Hazenbeck, the famous animal trainer, who it is said intends to construct an immense aquarium there, but it is ten to one that the aquarium will turn out to be a naval drydock.

SLIGHT INCIDENTS
CAUSE WAR TALK

PARIS, April 27.—With peace conferences ending and about to come, the political situation is nevertheless anything but reassuring, and there are rumblings from the great volcano on which we live in Europe, live which are signs of the struggle between the nations many think must come and bring about readjustment of things before we dare hope for universal peace.

It is not that there are any acute symptoms of any great importance, but the great nations all armed to the teeth are all living in a state of suspense which is exceedingly painful.

It may be said without any prejudice that the whole situation centers around the Kaiser, who, with all his intention on his part, is always wearing a chip on his shoulder which is red with suspicion by all the other powers.

The least little thing is apt to disturb the German war lord's mental equilibrium, and he sees evil intentions in incidents which are in themselves small and insignificant.

Thus the meeting between King Edward and the Kaiser, which was the Kaiser's most uneasiness, and this was, as always, reflected in the German press, which used columns to express an act which to any unprejudiced observer was nothing but an act of politeness, without any political significance.

To make matters worse, the French minister of war, General Picquart, since the time to inspect the fortress of Belfort, and in his automobile drove for miles along the German frontier.

The Kaiser has done the same thing time and again without causing any but the most casual comment in the French, but with the tables turned the whole German press is in a turmoil of excitement.

With bitter feelings in England against Germany because of that country's invasion of the British sphere of influence in Persia, with Abdul Hamid nearing the end of his reign in Turkey, with Russia in a state of revolt and the peasants desperate from starvation, with the kaleidoscope of Austria only held together by the love of its old Emperor's person, with the powers of the Triple Alliance distrusting one another, and Alsace-Lorraine as an insurmountable wall in the path of Franco-German friendship, The Hague peace conference cannot drive away the clouds which are again gathering on the political sky.

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WOMEN WINNERS
OF PRIX DE ROMEFour Artists Gain Privilege
of Living at Villa
Medici.

PARIS, April 27.—For the first time since its foundation, the Prix de Rome has been awarded to four women. Ten women presented themselves for this distinction, but the jury only retained four, which are: For the Grand Prix de Rome for painting, Mesdemoiselles Rouvenay, Rachel, Levy, and Ackein, pupils of Ferdinand Humbert; for the Grand Prix de Rome for sculpture, Mlle. Heuvelmans, who is a pupil of Marquette.

The eldest of these distinguished pupils is twenty-six years old and the youngest only twenty-one. Winners of this scholarship are entitled to a residence in the Villa Medici.

The "Feminists" are triumphant and declare that when a woman has the same advantages allowed her as have men then they can do better than can any man. They claim that women are more painstaking and conscientious, and moreover have as much natural talent as men, but the effect of centuries of repression is still manifested in her. This can be eradicated by education on equal lines, they say.

DEAD MAN HOST
AT BIG DINNER

PARIS, April 27.—A big dinner took place recently at one of the hotels on the left bank of the Seine, at which a dead man was the host. M. Naisant, an ex-employee of the ministry of justice, who was also a Knight of the Legion of Honor, died a few days ago, and when his will was read a clause was found to the effect that he wished all the persons who followed his remains to their last resting place to be entertained at a dinner costing twelve francs fifty centimes each. This dinner has just taken place and the numerous guests, among whom were two mutes, stood up and drank to the deceased "host's" not health but memory. By another clause in this accented will all the soldiers in the detachment which rendered military honors to the deceased as an officer of the Legion of Honor received four francs each as a small keepsake.

NEW SARGENT PORTRAITS
WONDERFULLY LIFELIKE

LONDON, April 27.—John Sargent, the great American painter, who closed his studio just before the Academy opened last year, on account of the behavior of curious people who invaded it without invitation, resented a little this time and a selected party of friends were allowed to inspect his academy and pictures a few days ago. The two most striking portraits by this great artist are one of Mrs. Ralfour in a characteristically "floppy" position and wearing a rather shabby-looking coat, and the other is a marvelously lifelike study of the Countess of Essex, who was Adele Grant.

Pope Grants
Dispensation
For Beard

Photograph of the only bearded Roman Catholic bishop in the world, the Bishop of Oporto.

AMERICAN TASTE
PLEASES PUCCINIComposer Finds Audiences
Critical, But Thoroughly
Appreciative.

PARIS, April 27.—Signor Puccini, like Saint-Saens, is delighted with America and the American public. He has just returned to Italy from his tour in the United States, and he is enthusiastic on the performances of opera in New York.

He says Americans are the best critics of music he has ever met. He also speaks of the refinement of American audiences who do not hesitate to condemn anything which has not been prepared with the greatest care.

Signor Puccini also says that Boston's orchestra might well be envied by the most celebrated musical cities in the world. The celebrated composer hopes to visit America again before long. He says he cannot extol too highly the hospitality he met with when among the American people.

"Although people in Europe talk a great deal about the rudeness and bad manners of the multimillionaires in New York, I can only say that I always met with kindness and consideration," he says, "and many of my hostesses were the wives and daughters of that magnificent class."

DEMANDS APOLOGY
FROM MRS. GUESTAmerican Woman's Election
Speech Too Strong for
Candidate.

LONDON, April 27.—The Hon. Mrs. Frederick Guest, who was Amy Phipps, is one of the most popular Americans in this country, but she is not as yet an expert in politics, and through her zeal for her husband she has landed herself in a very unpleasant tangle.

When the Briggs bye-election was at its height, Mrs. Guest essayed one or two speeches in which she rather unwisely went too far in her denunciation of her husband's political opponent, the Unionist candidate, Sir Berkeley Sheffield. Mrs. Guest remarked in one of her speeches that Sir Berkeley had treated his tenants very badly and had even evicted some of them.

After the election was over and Captain Guest had been defeated for the third time, Sir Berkeley called upon the captain for a complete apology and a retraction of the statements made by Mrs. Guest in her speech. The captain, who has just returned from Biarritz, refused to apologize, and now Captain and Mrs. Guest are face to face with a libel action, unless, of course, they apologize at the last moment.

OPERA REVIVALS
DELIGHT LONDON

LONDON, April 27.—The phenomenon of the theatrical season has undoubtedly been the marvellous success which has attended the revival of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas at the Savoy Theatre which is nightly crowded with enthusiasts. Mrs. D'Oyly Carte, who managed the theater even in her late husband's time, has candidly told her friends that she never dreamed of such success. Mr. Gilbert on the other hand was optimistic from the first and attributes the boom to the fact that the public are tiring of trashy musical comedies.

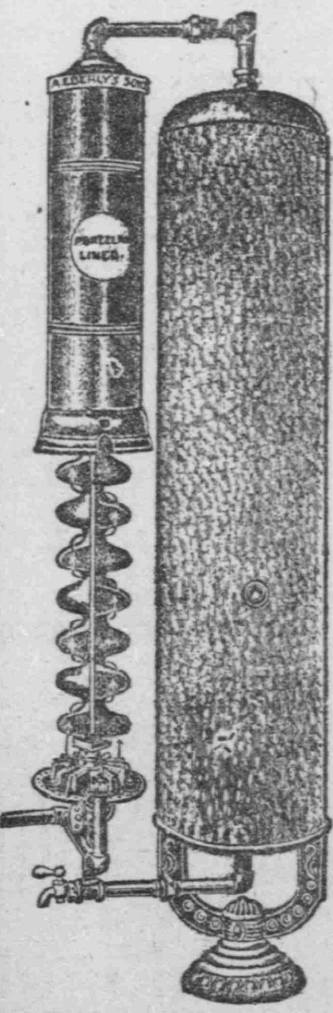
The decision not to revive "The Mikado" for fear of offending the Japanese has for some time been shrouded in mystery, as the Japanese embassy officials laughed at the idea of the opera giving offense. It is whispered, however, that Prince Arthur of Connaught has had much to do with it.

Prince Arthur mentioned the matter to the King, and in a roundabout manner Mrs. Carte was asked not to revive the most popular of all the Gilbert-Sullivan series.

KITCHENER TO LEAVE INDIA,
HAMILTON HIS SUCCESSOR

LONDON, April 27.—At the Indian Service clubs the name of Lord Kitchener has cropped up constantly of late. It is well known that the King has more than once expressed a wish that Lord Kitchener could come home and act on the army council.

General Sir Ian Hamilton is again mentioned as the successor of Lord Kitchener in India if that empire can be prevailed upon to spare the commander-in-chief.

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